

## **Hurricane Charley -- Update on Corps Support to FEMA**

Hurricane Charley came ashore on the west Coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane. Wind gusts were measured up to 185 mph, with sustained winds of 140 mph. In support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Corps of Engineers has been working around the clock in responding to the Hurricane. The Emergency Operation Centers (EOC) of three districts (Wilmington, Charleston, and Jacksonville) and one Division (South Atlantic Division) were activated prior to landfall and supplies and personnel were pre-positioned to staging areas in Florida. The Corps supplied 500,000lbs of ice and 267,000 liters of water as pre-disaster declaration support.

The Corps is providing support to FEMA as the lead agency for Emergency Support Function #3 under the Federal Response Plan. FEMA tasked the Corps of Engineers to provide commodities such as water and ice, and to provide Corps of Engineers subject matter experts to advise local officials on power, temporary roofing, temporary housing, and debris removal missions.

As of 11 September, 384 personnel from across the Corps are supporting Hurricane Charley recovery efforts. Specific on-going support actions include:

Roofing: 7,630 temporary roofs completed. 22,438 rights of entry (ROE) obtained for roof repair; 2,860 self-help tarps have been delivered to the Emergency Response and Recovery Office (ERRO) Forward.

Temporary Housing: Charlotte County Airport Group Site - Clearing and grubbing continues. Final site layout meeting scheduled for 14 Sep. The Corps is currently participating in planning efforts to meet temporary housing needs. Jacaranda Staging Area - Placement of fill for Phase II continues.

Power: 106 of 130 requests to de-install generators are complete.

Debris: Two Corps subject matter experts continue technical assistance as directed by FEMA.